

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Fred Nuffer has devoted much of his career to protecting and restoring the water environment of New York State and for more than six years has served as Assistant Director of the Division of Water of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC); and

WHEREAS, in July of 2003 Governor George E. Pataki appointed Fred to serve as his Third Alternate on the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), effectively making Fred New York State's voice on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Fred led the DRBC as Commission Chair from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, in his role as Commissioner, Fred has been a strong advocate for improving multipurpose water management, notwithstanding structural, legal and financial constraints, to say nothing of his own brush with mortality; and

WHEREAS, Fred also has been a force for integrating the voices of diverse and sometimes adverse interest groups into the debate among the Basin States and New York City over streamflows and reservoir operations; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2003, Fred helped the Commission and the Parties to the Supreme Court Decree of 1954 reach consensus for initiating a non-binding collaborative process to develop flow management options for the Delaware River and its regulated tributaries, to include input from a new Subcommittee on Ecological Flows; and

WHEREAS, Fred was Acting Chair at a DRBC meeting in Albany on April 21, 2004, at which the Commission unanimously approved a three-year Interim Fisheries Protection Program, developed and promoted ardently by the NYSDEC, which increased the size and flexibility of use of habitat and temperature banks, in addition to establishing flow targets for the first time in the West Branch, the East Branch, and the Neversink rivers; and

WHEREAS, during late 2005 and early 2006 Fred worked to negotiate interim snowpack and temporary non-snowpack void programs to enhance flood protection and alleviate fear of flooding in communities below the Pepacton and Neversink reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a progressive and capable water resource manager, a diplomat, and a colleague who has demonstrated as great a concern for individuals as for issues, Fred is doubtless one of the most skilled paddlers to navigate the Delaware; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission:

Commission members and staff and citizens of the Basin join in expressing our profound gratitude to Fred Nuffer for his dedication to public service and his commitment to excellence in water resource management. We wish him continued good health, happiness, and many more miles of riffles and rapids.

ADOPTED: March 1, 2006